

Washington, DC -- U.S. Representative Michael A. Arcuri (D-Utica) commended Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Executive Director Brymer Humphreys today for keeping the Herkimer and Broome County FSA offices open after Arcuri and fellow Upstate Congressmen opposed a consolidation plan to close critical farm service offices.

“Talking to farmers across the 24th district, I know how valuable Farm Service Agency county offices are as resources for local farmers. I commend Director Humphrey for his decision to keep FSA offices in Herkimer and Broome Counties open and for listening to the input of local residents and their representatives. This is very good news for farmers and rural communities in Broome and Herkimer that depend on agriculture for jobs and business.

“I recently sent a letter calling on the Farm Service Agency to halt plans to close local FSA offices and I strongly supported two pieces of legislation which would have prohibited FSA office closings for one-year. I strongly believe the FSA should halt all current closure efforts, and I am pleased that the agency has decided to discontinue such efforts in Herkimer and Broome.”

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